

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Patent Application of:)	
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Jeffrey C. Bedell)	Group Art Unit: 2168
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Serial No.: 09/883507)	Examiner: Greta Lee Robinson
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Filed: June 19, 2001)	

For: MSTR45-REPORT SYSTEM AND METHOD USING PROMPT OBJECT
ABSTRACTION

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office action dated June 21, 2006, the applicant respectfully elects the Invention of Group I corresponding to Claims 1-7 and 21-23 with traverse.


The Office Action identifies two allegedly distinct inventions: 1.) "creating a report wherein a resolution object is created and stored prior to the execution of a report", and 2.) "processing a report to answer prompt object questions". *See*, Office Action, page 2. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The additional elements of "selecting a template, a filter and a resolution object to answer prompt object questions" in the Examiner's proposed Group II are not sufficient to require a separate invention. The elements cited by the Examiner are steps required for creating a report prior to processing the report. The proposed Group II is thus related to the step of creating a report in the proposed Group I.

Respectfully submitted,

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